

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The drawings have been objected to as not showing all features claimed. It is submitted that since the specification incorporates by reference the contents of U.S. Patent No. 5,847,285 (including the drawings) that all claimed structure has been included and that Figure 1 in the instant application helps illuminate the improvements of the instant invention, the instant application is in compliance with the C.F.R.

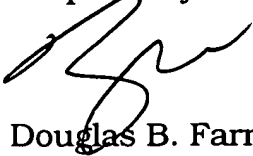
Claims 1-2 remain in this application.

Claims 1 and 2 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being clearly anticipated by Sebens et al. It is respectfully submitted that the claims as submitted patentably distinguish over the rejection of record. Sebens merely shows a traditional flow control system which measures the flow and adjusts to a predetermined flow rate. What Sebens does not do is adjust the flow in accordance with the claimed invention, namely, initially measuring the flow of a fluid through a dispensing device and forming a linear relationship between pressure and flow, said linear relationship having a maximum flow point and a slope and measuring the flow through said dispensing device during subsequent dispense cycles and adjusting said slope to yield the desired dispense volume. There does not appear to be any teaching of these steps in Sebens nor any indication as to how one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made would modify Sebens to achieve the claimed method.

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Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

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